

### **REMARKS**

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed October 6, 2004. Upon entry of the amendments in this response, claims 1 – 5, 16 – 19 and 24 - 31 remain pending. In particular, Applicant has canceled claims 11 – 15 and 20 - 23 without waiver, disclaimer or prejudice. Applicant has canceled claims 11 – 15 and 20 - 23 merely to reduce the number of disputed issues and to facilitate early allowance and issuance of other claims in the present application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of these canceled claims in a continuing application, if Applicant so chooses, and does not intend to dedicate the canceled subject matter to the public. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

### **Indication of Allowable Subject Matter**

The Office Action indicates that claims 1 – 5, 16 – 19 and 24 - 31 allowed.

### **Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102**

The Office Action indicates that claims 11, 14 and 20 - 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 102 as being anticipated by *Dery*, and that claims 11 - 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 102 as being anticipated by *Wu*. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. Specifically, as indicated above, Applicant has canceled claims 11 - 14 and 20 - 22. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that the rejection has been rendered moot.

### **Cited Art of Record**

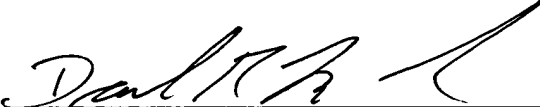
The cited art of record has been considered, but is not believed to affect the patentability of the presently pending claims.

### **CONCLUSION**

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement. If, however, any fee is believed to be due, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to deposit account No. 20-0778.

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